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## **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

August 28, 2008

### **CONTINUATION PLAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **2008-2009 Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants**

**This plan packet includes:**

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**NATURE OF ACTION REQUESTED:   X   VOLUNTARY**

The Department of Education is pleased to announce the 2008-2009 Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants. The program is supported through Section 32j of the State School Aid Act, as amended, Public Act 268 of 2008. The Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants provide \$5 million in continuation funding for collaborative community efforts to develop parent involvement and education programs. The programs must be designed for the families of children from birth to age five. The State Board of Education, at its June 13, 2006 meeting, approved revised criteria for the Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants.

The grant plan for the 2008-2009 Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants (Form IM-02-66), containing the necessary forms and instructions for completion, is available on-line at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>. Click on "keywords" in the tool bar at the top of the page. A drop-down menu will include Great Parents, Great Start, and clicking on that item will immediately allow the user to select the plan forms and instructions.

**Completed plans must be received by mail at the Michigan Department of Education on or before 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2008.** An original and two (2) copies (for a total of three) of the completed plan must be submitted at that time. Only those intermediate school districts meeting all of the conditions outlined will be approved for continuation. Questions concerning the 2008-2009 Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants may be directed to Colleen O'Connor, Consultant, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services at (517) 373-8483.

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**PLAN FOR 2008-2009 GREAT PARENTS, GREAT START PROGRAM GRANTS**

**PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**INTRODUCTION**

Supportive and stimulating early experiences are important for children's school success with family relationships providing the context and environment for children's early years. Improved school readiness and the maintenance of stable families are state priorities. The State Board of Education has among its priorities the fostering of investment in early childhood education and connecting schools and families.

The Great Parents, Great Start (GP,GS) Program Grants are designed to serve all families having young children who wish to participate. Experience has shown that this approach reaches numerous at-risk families who have not previously been identified for services and assists young families with positive parenting skills.

Experience has also revealed that young families, regardless of income, often lack knowledge regarding their children's development and the needs of children for language stimulation and other cognitive and emotional opportunities. Linkage to community resources has been shown to be invaluable in providing services to depressed mothers and needed follow up for children with previously undetected hearing, speech, and vision difficulties. Many benefits for families are gained from strengthening the coordination and collaboration between schools and communities.

The evaluation of the All Students Achieve Program – Parent Involvement and Education (ASAP-PIE) Grant Program found that grantees whose services were linked closely with local community agencies:

- served a higher proportion of low-income children; and
- had enrolled children who showed the greatest improvement in communication, problem solving, and developmental delays.

Section 32j of the State School Aid Act for FY 2003-2004 established a parent education initiative, Great Parents, Great Start, on a statewide basis, which is continued for 2008-2009. Section 32j appropriates \$5 million for grants to intermediate school districts for the operation of this program.

Intermediate school districts are encouraged to provide innovative parent education and involvement models that particularly fit the needs of diverse families in their communities, as well as recognizing the importance of the community's historical, ethnic, linguistic and cultural resources. Given the limited funding available to serve both a universal and target population, projects are expected to align their parent education and involvement services as part of the broader existing

community services that serve families with young children. Additional strategies that are encouraged include linking updated ISD web sites to [www.migreatparents.org](http://www.migreatparents.org) and collaborating with initiatives funded by the Michigan Early Childhood Investment Corporation. Great Parents, Great Start funds may be used in conjunction with ongoing projects for the purpose of creating and/or expanding parent education and involvement opportunities within already existing services and materials. Project funds may only be used for the program components funded under Section 32j. Funds may not be used to supplant or duplicate existing community and district services.

Additionally, the experience and expertise of local partners should be collaboratively used so that Great Parents, Great Start services recognize and build upon individual family strengths and existing community services. Each ISD must develop a program plan that demonstrates collaboration with local entities involved in providing services and programs to young children and their families. Collaboration should include joint planning, shared decision making, and shared leadership.

Programs funded under this section of the State School Aid Act must utilize the most current validated research-based methods and curricula for providing program components described in Section 32j (2). Selected methods and curricula may be used with identified target populations only when the Great Parents, Great Start target population matches the population upon which the research findings were based.

## **GRANT PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants is fourfold: to encourage early mathematics and reading literacy, improve school readiness, reduce the need for special education services, and foster the maintenance of stable families by encouraging positive parenting skills. To achieve this purpose, each grant must offer services to all families with children age five or younger residing within the ISD who choose to participate, including at least all of the following services:

- Providing parents with information on child development from birth to age five.
- Providing parents with methods to enhance parent-child interaction that promote social and emotional development and age-appropriate language, mathematics, and early reading skills for young children; including, but not limited to, encouraging parents to read to their preschool children at least one-half hour per day.
- Promoting access to needed community services through a community-school-home partnership.
- Providing parents with examples of learning opportunities to promote intellectual, physical, and social growth of young children, including the acquisition of age-appropriate language, mathematics, and early reading skills.

The focus of GP,GS programming is parents and on fostering positive parenting behavior. Programming supports parents in their role as their children's first teachers.

## **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC GOAL AND PRIORITIES**

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students." In addition, the State Board has adopted the following four Priorities to implement the goal:

- Re-imagine the pre-K-12 educational system in Michigan that will lead to the State Board of Education's expectation for student achievement.
- Continue to review and improve Michigan's teacher preparation system.
- Continue to advocate and promote high school reform, with an emphasis on relevance, relationships, and implementation.
- Implement the "darkening the dotted lines" partnership between the Michigan Department of Education and the intermediate school districts.

The Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants address the strategic goal by providing parent education and involvement opportunities that provide a foundation for later academic achievement. Opportunities must be available to any interested family with children birth to five years of age. Equal attention in the program plan should be given to including program components focused on families whose children would benefit from more intensive services to foster increased school readiness and family stability.

## **UNIVERSAL AND TARGET POPULATIONS TO BE SERVED BY GRANT**

Services provided by the Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants must include low-intensity universal opportunities available to all families with children ages birth to age five residing in the applicant district(s) and who choose to participate. Universal services include newsletters, websites, newspaper inserts, community playgroups, book distribution, booth displays at community events, etc.

Projects may recognize and encourage involvement of parenting adults who may not be the child's biological parents. *A parenting adult is any person with legal guardianship of the child, or the person who makes educational and care decisions for the child.* Projects must schedule universal services, locations and activities with flexibility to better reach diverse family groups, including working parents.

Because of the limited funding levels, grantees must scale their parent services and intervention efforts to reflect the level of family risk by providing some universal services for all parents with children birth to five years of age, and at the same time target a smaller identified group of families with young children who would benefit from higher, more intensive face-to-face services. Each GP,GS grantee is encouraged to consider maximizing funding by the development of a program plan that links parent education and involvement programming to existing community

services that serve families with preschool children as opposed to creating new ISD programs with limited funding. The purpose of the linkage is to expand existing community services to include or expand school readiness, social/emotional development, early mathematics and literacy, and family stability components.

Evaluation of the ASAP-PIE program found home visiting, alone or in combination with group parent services, was the most likely service component to result in improvement of children's development. It was further found that children with delays in personal-social or problem-solving skills appeared to benefit from involvement in parent-child playgroups.

For this reason, grantees are encouraged to offer on-going home visiting services over time to individual families within the target population. In addition, focused playgroups are also encouraged.

**Grantees must provide a balance of GP,GS funding directed toward both universal and intensive services so that universal services do not deplete the majority of grant dollars.** Grantees may request that this balance be considered within the greater context of existing community services. Grantees and community partners must clearly document how they believe the needs for families would be better addressed if the grant funding balance was placed within a community context.

Grantees are also encouraged to maximize their funds by linking at the local level to four state efforts. The first involves linking to Great Start Community Collaboratives when and where they exist in communities. The second effort involves the ongoing update and expansion of the district's local web information found on the [www.migreatparents.org](http://www.migreatparents.org) website. The third involves working with local Early Head Start and *Early On*® efforts to serve children birth to three. The fourth effort is a pediatric literacy program called Reach Out and Read® ([www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)) in Michigan hospitals, health clinics, and physician offices (see Attachment C).

## **ELIGIBLE GRANTEES**

Eligible continuation grantees are intermediate school districts, funded in 2007-2008, who have satisfactorily met all grant requirements for the prior five years of this grant.

Eligible grantees must provide an assurance statement that they will have an on-going collaboration with local entities. Grantees must also submit to the Department the Assurance of Commitment to Collaborate statements from community collaborative partners. ISDs are encouraged to include the local community collaborative, the regional 4C (Community Coordinated Child Care) agency, Public Health, Department of Human Services (DHS), Community Mental Health, Head Start, MSU Extension Service, local school districts, and other early childhood organizations.

Adequate collaboration between the ISD and local entities includes schools and local entities working together in joint planning, decision making, program assessment and shared leadership throughout the grant. It goes beyond referral, cooperation and coordination of services.

## **GRANT RANGE AND FUNDING LIMIT**

All ISDs are invited to submit program plans to continue their GP,GS program using this continuation plan format.

Great Parents, Great Start funding is available through Section 32j of the State School Aid Act. An ISD may apply for an amount not to exceed the intermediate school district's 2007-2008 payment under Section 32j of the State School Aid Act. (See Attachment A for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Amounts to Be Requested, pages 17-18.)

The ISD must demonstrate a documented match of 20 percent of the requested funds from local public or private resources. No more than one-half of this match, up to a total of 10 percent of the total project budget, may be in-kind goods or services. The identified match funds must not be those which are also identified for match to other grant programs. Program administrative maximum may not exceed 10 percent of the awarded grant funds.

## **LENGTH OF AWARD**

Applicants must submit a budget for the period of October 1, 2008 to an ending date of September 30, 2009. Carryover of funds is allowed only into the subsequent fiscal year. Carryover from prior Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants are required to be spent in advance of FY 2008-2009 funds being used.

For districts without carryover, continuation services must be operational no later than October 1, 2008. Note: Utilize GP,GS carryover from prior years first to fund continuing services. All programs must operate through September 30, 2009.

## **REJECTION OF PROJECT PLANS**

The Department of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this announcement and will do so if the proposal does not adhere to funding specifications or preparation instructions.

## **CLOSING DATE AND DELIVERY ADDRESS**

Due to current security measures, **HAND-DELIVERED GRANT PLANS ARE DISCOURAGED.** The ORIGINAL plan bearing ORIGINAL signatures (in blue ink) and two (2) copies (FOR A TOTAL OF THREE) of the completed plan **must be documented by delivery agent for delivery on or before October 15, 2008.**

Acceptable packaging and mailing procedures are:

- **The postmark or other mailing validation must be documented by delivery agent for delivery on or before October 15, 2008.** The original plan and two copies should be enclosed in a sealed envelope within the mailing package. The checklist on page 16 must be completed and attached to the top of the original plan for appropriate check-in by the unit secretary. If the ISD uses a delivery service, the **dated receipt** for delivery service must be available to **validate the October 15** delivery agreement.
- When the grant application is received, the check-in form on the front of the application package will be signed by the appropriate MDE personnel and then faxed to the applicant to verify receipt of the application. **The applicant is responsible for contacting Heidi Ducker at [duckerh@michigan.gov](mailto:duckerh@michigan.gov) by October 16, 2008 if the applicant does not receive a faxed copy of the signed check-in form.**
- In case of late delivery of the plan, verification of appropriate delivery efforts will be required to participate in the grant process.

Plans sent by mail should be addressed to:

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Michigan Department of Education  
Office of Early Childhood Education  
and Family Services  
P.O. Box 30008  
Lansing, Michigan 48909  
(517) 373-8483

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Michigan Department of Education  
Office of Early Childhood Education  
and Family Services  
Hannah Bldg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pillar H-17  
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Lansing, Michigan 48933  
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**No facsimile transmissions will be accepted.** Late plans, a plan submitted by facsimile, or a plan submitted, but not in accordance with the preparation instructions (below), will not be accepted and will be returned to the ISD **without review**.

## **BUDGET PREPARATION**

MDE is pleased to now require the budget portion of the application be completed in the Michigan Electronics Grant System (MEGS). Districts may initiate the GP,GS application in MEGS, complete the required information, and submit on or before October 15, 2008.

## **PLAN PREPARATION, PAGE LIMIT, FONT SIZE AND PACKAGING**

Plans should be prepared simply and economically, with the specifics of the continuation plan in **Part B, no more than 17 pages in length, with a font no smaller than Arial or Verdana 11 point.** All plan pages must be securely stapled. Special bindings and binders should not be used. Relevant support documents attached to the plan must be kept to a maximum of two pages, unless



requested. Such support documents are not counted in the 17-page limit. Community collaboration forms are not included in the page limit. Do not include supplementary materials such as commercial publications and videotapes.

**Incomplete plans or plans exceeding the page limitation or specifications will not be reviewed or considered for funding.**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

All publications, including reports, films, brochures, and any program material developed with funding from this program, must contain the following statement:

**“These materials were developed under a state grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education.”**

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION AND OTHER COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

Plans must include a statement of assurance of compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination, with all requirements and regulations of the Michigan Department of Education, all appropriate state and local licensing laws if applicable, and with all other state and federal requirements and regulations pertaining to these funds. See plan form, Part A-Assurances and Certifications.

## **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The Michigan Department of Education is committed to providing equal access to all persons in admission to, or operation of its programs or services. Individuals with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this grant program are invited to contact the Department for assistance.

## **AVAILABILITY OF PLAN**

This initiative represents the continuation of on-line access to grant proposals for the Department. The plan packet for this grant will be available via the Internet on the Department's home page. The grant program criteria and plan packet can be accessed via the Department's home page at: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>. Click on “keywords” in the tool bar at the top of the page. A drop-down menu will include Great Parents, Great Start, and clicking on that item will immediately allow the user to select the plan forms and instructions. To print the material, you must have the Adobe Acrobat Reader loaded on your computer. This free software can be accessed at: <http://www.adobe.com>. The plan forms will also be available in Word format. Budget pages must be completed in MEGS, <https://megs.mde.state.mi.us/megs/login.asp>.

## **WHERE TO OBTAIN HELP**

The instructions contained in these materials are issued by the Michigan Department of Education, which is the sole point of contact in the state for this program. Questions regarding plans should be directed to the Michigan

Department of Education, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, (517) 373-8483, or [occonnorc1@michigan.gov](mailto:occonnorc1@michigan.gov).

## **PART II. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **FUNDING PROCESS**

The Michigan Department of Education will make the Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants available through an allocation process.

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Payment to the grantee will be made through the State School Aid payment system once all prior GP,GS carry over has been expended.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTING**

A final report of expenditures (including local match) will be required to be completed in MEGS within 45 days of the grant ending date, showing all bills paid in full.

### **FINANCIAL MATCH**

- The match must be used for the provision of services included in the plan. Funding used to support services other than those proposed cannot be used as match.
- There must be a documented local match of at least 20 percent of the state funds requested with no more than half of the match identified as in-kind goods or services. A larger match is allowed as long as the minimum requirement of cash match is met.
- Cash match is defined as an expenditure of cash that has been specifically designated for the proposed GP,GS services and activities.
- Funds designated as match to other efforts in the community may not be used for match to GP,GS.
- Designated State School Aid funds may not be used as match due to Section 32j requiring match to be local public or private resources. ISD and LEA general fund dollars and undesignated Section 81 State School Aid funds may be used as cash match. **Great Start Readiness Program funds may not be used as match for the GP,GS program.**
- In-kind contributions may include, but are not limited to, the value of contributed space and equipment, volunteer services, administrative overhead services, etc.
- *Example: ISD A is planning a \$60,000 project; requesting \$50,000 in grant funding. The ISD must provide local matching funds of at least 20 percent of the grant funds, or \$10,000. In-kind funding can satisfy no more than half of the match, or \$5,000, therefore a minimum of \$5,000 must be identified as local cash contributions to the project.*

## CONTINUATION OF FUNDING

Continuation plans will be forwarded to eligible recipients that demonstrate they are making sufficient progress toward meeting program goals and objectives. Determination of progress will be based on a written plan describing project activity related to each of the required program components. Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants will be funded for FY 2008-2009 with carryover allowed through June 30, 2010.

## PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES

All funded projects must establish measurable child and family outcomes related to school readiness and family stability for families receiving more intensive services. Measurable program goals and outcomes for the universal service component are also expected.

All funded projects will also be required to participate in a statewide evaluation of the GP,GS program, including use of selected data collection instruments for GP,GS. Each successful grantee must agree to budget one-half of 1 percent of their district's GP,GS funding towards a state evaluation to assess the effectiveness of GP,GS services. Identified evaluation funds should be transferred to Midland County Educational Service Agency upon receipt of an invoice in the amount of one-half of 1 percent of the district grant award. Grantees must further agree to submit data and participate in surveys as required regarding families and children receiving services, the services provided and their collaboration activities. **This requirement also includes community partners who are funded by an ISD to provide project services to families.**

Each grantee will also be required to provide a separate report to MDE by October 15, 2009 on:

- The total number of families who received targeted services under the GP,GS grant, including the number of these families whose income was below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see guidelines on page 19);
- The total number of children who received targeted services under the GP,GS grant, with the number of these children whose family income was below 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and
- The types of targeted services provided to each family.

Information on each targeted child should be entered into the state's Single Record Student Database as part of the district's end-of-the-year reporting in July 2009.

The cost of data collection may be budgeted and is not included in the administrative maximum of 10 percent of the grant funds awarded.

On-site monitoring by MDE, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services staff may be required.

### **PART III: REVIEW PROCESS INFORMATION**

All plans will be reviewed by staff of the Michigan Department of Education. Only those plans meeting all identified criteria and not exceeding the total amount of funds available will be recommended for funding to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. All funding will be subject to approval by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. All ISDs who submit a plan will be notified of the Superintendent's action and have the right to appeal.

### **PART IV: PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Services funded through the 2008-2009 Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants are for parents or parenting adults with children in the period of life from birth to age five. Applicants must propose service delivery strategies to serve both a universal population of all families and a targeted group of families residing within the intermediate school district who have children age five or younger who are not yet eligible to attend kindergarten and who choose to participate. Contractual relationships with appropriate community partners may be considered when developing the plan for services.

Parent education and involvement projects must include the following required components, at a minimum: child development information, methods to enhance parent/child interaction, examples of learning opportunities, and access to community resources.

- **Child development information** may be provided using electronic, as well as more traditional means; i.e., web sites, local media spots, newsletters; newspaper articles, restaurant placemats, child development pamphlets placed in toy stores, educational materials and videos placed in hospital and DHS waiting rooms; etc.
- **Methods to enhance parent/child interaction** may be demonstrated, modeled and/or discussed in person during home visits, parent-child playgroups, well child physician's visits and hospital visits after the birth of a child, etc.
- **Examples of parent/child learning opportunities** may be provided in person by a parent educator, through written materials, and mass media programming, etc. All activities and materials must be age and developmentally-appropriate for the age of the child at the time of the child's involvement in the program. Parent/child learning opportunities must focus on the parent as the child's first teacher.
- **Access to community resources** may include development of a community resource network of state, local, and private agencies/groups to assure that services provided to families are coordinated, and that families are able to access the assistance available to help prepare children for school and to foster the maintenance of stable families. This may include working in collaboration across community organizations to remove access barriers; to increase awareness across agencies about services that each agency offers;

to assist parents with service referrals; to create common intake and release of information forms to be used by numerous community agencies; etc.

## **FOCUS OF PARENT EDUCATION SERVICES**

The project plan should align with, and be part of, the broader local community collaborative plan to serve families with children birth to kindergarten entrance. The primary focus of Great Parents, Great Start is educational in nature, with the focus on parents and building individual family strengths to ensure the legislative purpose. As many families have needs beyond parenting education, the project is expected to provide higher risk families with referrals to community agencies to meet needs beyond parenting education services. Grants may be used to underwrite new services or to expand existing services within the context of the greater community's parenting services. Duplication of or supplanting existing services will not be approved.

The majority of parent education and involvement services should be directed to families with children younger than four years of age. Families who have children three and four years of age should be provided with connections to quality preschool programs such as Head Start, Great Start Readiness Program, nationally accredited early childhood programs, etc.

## **ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- a. **To maximize limited community resources for parent education, grantees are encouraged to include charging families participant fees for GP,GS services as long as the fee is based on an established and reasonable sliding fee scale. Fees must be waived for participants unable to pay.**
- b. The project plan must demonstrate an adequate collaboration of local entities involved in providing programs and services for young children and their families. **Collaboration with an existing community committee concerned with the development of all young children is preferable, such as a work group or subcommittee of the community collaborative. Parents of young children should be members of the collaborative committee.**  
Note: When a grantee's community has a Great Start Collaborative Grant, it is expected that the GP,GS continuation plan be linked to the work of the Great Start Collaborative.
- c. Each grantee should include in its plan how it will have adequate on-going collaboration with local entities involved in shared leadership and the provision of providing services to children, birth to five years and their families.
- d. It is recommended that the project plan be reviewed and supported by the local community collaborative. A form is provided on page 12 of Form IM-02-66 for this purpose or a letter of support indicating that the community collaborative has reviewed and supports the plan may be submitted in lieu of the form.
- e. Each grantee must submit to the Department Assurance of Commitment to Collaborate statements from community entities who will be collaborating on the grant.

## **PART V. PLAN INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

The Budget Summary, Budget Detail, local match sources for both the cash and in-kind contributions, and further detail for outgoing transfers will be completed in the Michigan Electronics Grants System (MEGS).

Guidance regarding the budget can be downloaded as part of the HELP section of the MEGS forms.

Applicants are advised to consult Appendix A of the Public School Accounting Manual to determine appropriate function and object codes for the anticipated expenses for the GP,GS project being proposed. The Michigan Public School Accounting Manual is available online at [www.michigan.gov/accountingmanual](http://www.michigan.gov/accountingmanual).

### **PART A – PLAN COVER PAGE**

On the cover sheet, the ISD submitting the plan must be fully identified, as well as the primary and secondary contact persons for this program. The ISD must serve as the fiscal agent for the grant and list at least one of its staff members as a contact person. A third contact may also be listed when a grantee selects a community partner to administer the grant. All boxes should be appropriately completed, including signatures, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Please include the federal identification number of the ISD organization.

### **PART A (PAGES 1, 1a & 1b) – ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Assurances on pages 1, 1a, and 1b must be included and affirmed through original signatures (in blue ink) on the original copies of pages 1 and 1b of the plan.

### **PART B – YEAR 2008-2009 CONTINUATION PLAN (PAGES 2-10 OF FORM IM-02-66)**

Each grantee submitting a continuation plan must provide a brief overview related to the following three areas. This section of the plan, inclusive of the forms, may not exceed 17 pages.

#### **1. Services to Families (Narrative and pages 2-6 of Form IM-02-66)**

Provide a description of how the project's opportunities and services to families will align with and be part of the broader community early childhood collaborative plan.

Services offered under this plan must include the following four components for parents:

- Information on the development of children birth to age five.
- Methods to enhance parent-child interaction that promote social and emotional development and age-appropriate language, mathematics, and

early reading skills for young children, including, but not limited to, encouraging parents to read to their young children at least one-half hour per day.

- Examples of learning opportunities to promote intellectual, physical, and social growth of young children, including the acquisition of age-appropriate language, mathematics, and early reading skills.
- Promotion of access to needed community services through a community-school-home partnership.

The project plan must clearly provide a level of low-intensity universal services (e.g., newsletters, community playgroups, website) that will be available to all interested families with children birth to five years of age. The plan must also identify a second level of higher, more intensive face-to-face services be provided (such as home visiting, focused playgroup participation, etc.). Intensive services should be available to a smaller number of parents and children who could benefit from a higher degree of program involvement. For example, intensive services could be provided to parents who experience situations/environments that may impede their children's school readiness. This may include parents:

- in poverty households.
- experiencing separation (military assignments, divorce, death) whose children often experience emotional stress and decreased interaction with one or both parents.
- who are depressed and thus unable to interact with their children in a manner that fosters positive development.
- with family court involvement.
- who are isolated and lack parenting support systems.
- who are older and educated or are young but who have little to no experience or understanding of young children and their development.
- whose primary language is other than English.
- who are providing foster care to children who experience multiple transitions that disrupt their development.

Each grantee must also briefly state how the proposed continuation plan will provide a research-based curriculum that matches the grantee's target population receiving more intensive services, as well as how a balance of funding directed towards both universal and target populations will occur.

The plan must not duplicate or supplant existing community parent education and involvement services. Further, the plan must indicate how it will direct the majority of its services toward families with children younger than four years of age and will provide connections to other early childhood programs and initiatives.

## 2. Community Collaboration (Narrative and pages 7-9 of Form IM-02-66)

- Highlight the role of collaborative partners in providing GP,GS program leadership. The overview in chart form should identify each partner agency that was involved in 2007-2008 GP,GS leadership and those who will be involved during 2008-2009. Include the specific area(s) of leadership provided by each.

The following definitions may be helpful as you complete the chart:

- planning = creating and maintaining a plan; thinking about activities; aligning strategies to goals; working out sub-components in some degree of detail.
- service implementation = execution of a plan.
- outcome assessment = collection, review and use of information that will tell an organization whether the services, activities, or experiences it offers are having the desired impact; systematic process for continual improvement.
- decision-making = selection of a course of action among several alternatives.

A few examples of involvement that may fall into "other" are referrals, use of space, distribution of materials, consultation, and outreach.

- Indicate how GP,GS resources are being linked to local services to maximize and/or expand limited community resources for families and children.
- Provide short answers regarding parent contribution for services.

## 3. Qualifications of Staff Providing Services to GP,GS Families (page 10 of Form IM-02-66)

Describe how project staff meets the legislative requirement "educators are trained in child development to help parents understand their role in their child's developmental process, thereby promoting school readiness and mitigating the need for special education services."

All program staff working with families must have at least either:

- academic credit in child development, early childhood education or equivalent; **OR**
- a current certification as a parent educator for families of young children birth to five years of age through a recognized parent education body, such as Parents as Teachers<sup>®</sup>, Healthy Families America<sup>™</sup>, etc.

Note: Grant funds may not be used to train existing staff to meet this legislative requirement. A professional development plan for staff who do not meet this requirement must be approved by MDE prior to that individual providing direct services to families under this grant. Attach a professional development plan to the appropriate copy of page 10 for any individual yet to be qualified.



**PART C – STATUS OF 2007-2008 GP,GS CARRYOVER (PAGE 11 OF FORM IM-02-66)**

Grantees must spend out all 2007-2008 GP,GS funds prior to accessing FY 2008-2009 grant funds for program service delivery, **except for the transfer of funds for the purpose of the statewide evaluation.** Report the status of this carryover on Part C, page 11 of Form IM-02-66.

**PART D – SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE OR GREAT START COLLABORATIVE (PAGE 11 OF FORM IM-02-66)**

Support for the 2008-2009 program plan by a local community-wide, multi-agency planning group, such as the local community collaborative body or Great Start Collaborative, which includes a cross section of human service, education, and early childhood agencies is required. Applicants covering a multi-county region will need to seek support from additional community collaboratives.

**PART E – ASSURANCE OF COMMITMENT TO COLLABORATE (PAGE 13 OF FORM IM-02-66)**

Community collaboration for services to children and families through shared decision-making, joint leadership, cooperation, and referrals should be documented with this form and/or letters of support. Each agency described as a collaborative partner in the narrative sections of the project plan (Part B) should acknowledge its participation with a collaboration form or letter. In addition, each collaborative partner's statement of participation must indicate the nature of the partner's collaborative relationship to the project.

The Assurance of Commitment to Collaborate form may be duplicated as many times as necessary to indicate collaboration with multiple community entities. Include only those entities that have committed to working with the applicant in a collaborative manner during the continuation of the project.

## PLAN CHECKLIST FOR GRANTEES

GRANTEE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Is the narrative in a font no smaller than Arial or Verdana 11 point?
- ☐ Is Part B of the proposal plan no more than 17 pages in length?
- ☐ Is the Cover Page on the original signed by the authorized signatory?
- ☐ Are the forms/attachments completed and stapled to the original and two copies in the following order?
  - ☐ Part A. Cover Page with original signature by the authorized signatory
    - ☐ Assurances and Certifications page included with original signature
  - ☐ Part B. Year 2008-2009 Narrative Continuation Plan
    - ☐ Services to Families
    - ☐ Community Collaboration
    - ☐ Qualifications of Staff Providing Services to Families
  - ☐ Part C. Status of 2007-2008 GP,GS Carryover
  - ☐ Part D. Support of Community Collaborative or Great Start Collaborative
  - ☐ Part E. Assurance of Commitment to Collaborate (copy as many times as necessary), including statement of collaborative relationship on each.
  - ☐ Attachments (if applicable)
- ☐ Have the budget summary, detail, local match, and outgoing transfers been completed in MEGS?

**ATTACH THIS FORM TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN, ACCORDING TO PACKAGING AND DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGES 5 & 6. PLANS NOT MEETING THE ABOVE STANDARDS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE GRANTEE.**

Package received by MDE:

Staff Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Great Parents, Great Start**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AMOUNTS TO BE REQUESTED**

<b>District Code</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>08-09 Allocation &amp; Amount to Be Requested</b>
03000	Allegan Area Educational Service Agency	\$50,732.00
04000	Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Ed. Service District	\$27,556.00
08000	Barry Intermediate School District	\$12,011.00
09000	Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District	\$117,141.00
11000	Berrien County Intermediate School District	\$109,602.00
12000	Branch Intermediate School District	\$60,527.00
13000	Calhoun Intermediate School District	\$106,199.00
15000	Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District	\$40,750.00
16000	Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Ed. Service District	\$44,599.00
18000	Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District	\$36,916.00
19000	Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency	\$34,330.00
72000	COOR Intermediate School District	\$30,284.00
31000	Copper Country Intermediate School District	\$37,360.00
21000	Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District	\$48,068.00
22000	Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District	\$30,326.00
17000	Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District	\$27,912.00
23000	Eaton Intermediate School District	\$51,795.00
25000	Genesee Intermediate School District	\$266,346.00
27000	Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District	\$22,839.00
29000	Gratiot-Isabella Regional Educational Service District	\$54,488.00
30000	Hillsdale County Intermediate School District	\$32,217.00
32000	Huron Intermediate School District	\$38,113.00
33000	Ingham Intermediate School District	\$157,700.00
34000	Ionia County Intermediate School District	\$34,459.00
35000	Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency	\$16,998.00
38000	Jackson County Intermediate School District	\$152,932.00
39000	Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency	\$97,441.00
41000	Kent Intermediate School District	\$181,565.00
44000	Lapeer County Intermediate School District	\$53,565.00
46000	Lenawee Intermediate School District	\$111,121.00
14000	Lewis Cass Intermediate School District	\$24,072.00
47000	Livingston Educational Service Agency	\$66,585.00
50000	Macomb Intermediate School District	\$411,750.00
51000	Manistee Intermediate School District	\$20,772.00
52000	Marquette-Alger Regional Ed. Service Agency	\$49,130.00
53000	Mason-Lake Intermediate School District	\$30,130.00
54000	Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District	\$54,061.00
55000	Menominee County Intermediate School District	\$14,449.00
56000	Midland County Educational Service Agency	\$34,987.00
58000	Monroe County Intermediate School District	\$118,568.00
59000	Montcalm Area Intermediate School District	\$58,946.00
61000	Muskegon Area Intermediate School District	\$88,872.00
62000	Newaygo County RESA	\$41,460.00
63000	Oakland Schools	\$282,228.00

64000	Oceana Intermediate School District	\$9,170.00
70000	Ottawa Area Intermediate School District	\$112,486.00
73000	Saginaw Intermediate School District	\$127,311.00
76000	Sanilac Intermediate School District	\$40,180.00
78000	Shiawassee Regional Education Service District	\$64,337.00
74000	St. Clair Regional Educational Service Agency	\$98,575.00
75000	St. Joseph County Intermediate School District	\$42,586.00
28000	Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District	\$129,794.00
79000	Tuscola Intermediate School District	\$82,055.00
80000	Van Buren Intermediate School District	\$106,336.00
81000	Washtenaw Intermediate School District	\$115,577.00
82000	Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency	\$646,083.00
83000	Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District	\$43,608.00
	Grand Total	<hr/> \$5,000,000.00

## Great Parents, Great Start Program Grants

### TANF INCOME REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR STATE MDE/DHS MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT DATA COLLECTION

Effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009  
This Chart Reflects **200% of the Poverty Level**

Household Size	200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines		
	ANNUAL	MONTH	WEEK
1	20,800	1,733	400
2	28,000	2,333	538
3	35,200	2,933	677
4	42,400	3,533	815
5	49,600	4,133	954
6	56,800	4,733	1,092
7	64,000	5,333	1,231
8	71,200	5,933	1,369
For each add'l family member add	+7,200	+600	+138

**LOCATION OF REACH OUT AND READ PROGRAMS IN MICHIGAN  
(BY COUNTY)**

<b>Allegan</b>	<b>InterCare Community Health Network – Pullman</b>
<b>Bay</b>	<b>Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine – Bay City</b>
<b>Berrien</b>	<b>InterCare Community Health Network – Benton Harbor</b> <b>InterCare Community Health Network – Eau Claire</b>
<b>Calhoun</b>	<b>Family Health Center of Albion – Albion</b> <b>Family Health Center of Battle Creek – Battle Creek</b>
<b>Clinton</b>	<b>David A. Huff, D.O. – Elsie</b>
<b>Dickinson</b>	<b>Dickinson Pediatric Clinic – Iron Mountain</b>
<b>Eaton</b>	<b>Well Child Health Center of Ingham County - Lansing</b>
<b>Genesee</b>	<b>Hurley Medical Center, Ambulatory Pediatric Services – Flint</b>
<b>Ingham</b>	<b>MSU General Pediatrics, Child Health Care – East Lansing</b>
<b>Iosco</b>	<b>St. Joseph Health System Pediatrics – Tawas City</b>
<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Center for Family Health, Dental – Jackson</b> <b>Center for Family Health, Inc. – Jackson</b> <b>Jackson Comm. Action Agency, Head Start Program– Jackson</b> <b>Northeast Health Center – Jackson</b> <b>Teen Center at Parkside, Center for Family Health - Jackson</b>
<b>Kalamazoo</b>	<b>Borgess ProMed Pediatrics – Kalamazoo – Kalamazoo</b> <b>Borgess ProMed Pediatrics – Portage – Portage</b> <b>Borgess ProMed Pediatrics – Richland – Richland</b> <b>Bronson Rambling Road Pediatrics – Portage</b> <b>Bronson Rambling Road Pediatrics – Stadium Drive – Oshtemo</b> <b>Family Health Center – North – Kalamazoo</b> <b>Family Health Center – South – Kalamazoo</b> <b>Michigan State University/Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies – Kalamazoo</b> <b>Pediatrics P.C. – Portage</b>
<b>Kent</b>	<b>Cherry Street Health Care Services, Grand Rapids Pediatrics – Grand Rapids</b>

**DeVos Children's Hospital** – Grand Rapids  
**Heritage Pediatrics, Saint Mary's Mercy Medical Center** –  
Grand Rapids  
**St. Mary's Mercy Medical Center, Sparta Health Center** –  
Sparta  
**Wege Institute Family Practice – 4000/4200** – Grand Rapids  
**Westside Health Center** – Grand Rapids

**Lake**                    **Family Health Care – Baldwin** – Baldwin

**Livingston**        **Brighton Health Center, Pediatrics, University of Michigan** –  
Brighton

**Macomb**            **Bi-County Hospital Pediatrics Clinic** – Warren  
**HFHS Medical Center Lakeside** – Sterling Heights  
**HFHS Medical Center Sterling Heights** – Sterling Heights  
**HFHS Medical Center Warren** – Warren  
**Jay Eastman, MD** – Chesterfield

**Marquette**        **FamilyCare Doctors** – Marquette

**Muskegon**        **Muskegon Family Care** – Muskegon

**Newaygo**          **Family Health Care** – Grant  
**Family Health Care** – White Cloud

**Oakland**           **Berkley Primary Care, PLC** – Huntington Woods  
**Eliyahou Kam, MD, Pediatric Office** – Southfield  
**HFHS Medical Center Royal Oak** – Royal Oak  
**HFHS Medical Center West Bloomfield**– West Bloomfield  
**Jay W. Eastman, MD, PC** – Birmingham  
**Oakland County Health Division, Child Health Clinics** –  
Southfield  
**Providence Medical Center, Deighton Family Practice** –  
Southfield  
**William Beaumont Hospital** – Royal Oak

**Otsego**            **Otsego Memorial Hospital, OMH Medical Group** – Gaylord

**Ottawa**            **InterCare Community Health Network** – Holland

**Saginaw**           **Chesaning Family Medicine**– Chesaning  
**Janes Street Academic Community Health Center** – Saginaw  
**Partners in Pediatrics** – Saginaw  
**Roy E. Small, D.O.** – Chesaning  
**Synergy Medical Education Alliance** – Saginaw

**Shiawassee**    **Amy Blaising-Wallace, D.O.** – Owosso  
**Arnold Medical Clinic** – Owosso  
**Barbara Gurden, D.O., Mary Kuruda, PA** – Laingsburg  
**Durand Family Health Center** – Durand  
**Friendly Family Care** – Owosso  
**Memorial Healthcare** – Owosso  
**Northside Family Practice** – Owosso  
**Ovid Main Street Clinic** – Ovid  
**Owosso Internal Medicine** – Owosso  
**Perry Family Practice** – Perry  
**Pittsburg Family Healthcare, P.C.** – Laingsburg  
**Shiawassee Family Medicine** – Corunna

**Van Buren**    **InterCare Community Health Network** – Bangor

**Washtenaw**    **Adult Medicine and Pediatrics** – Ann Arbor  
**Corner Health Center** – Ypsilanti  
**Family Medicine at Dominos Farms** – Ann Arbor  
**HFHS Medical Center Ann Arbor** – Ann Arbor  
**Univ. of Michigan, Briarwood Health Associates** – Ann Arbor  
**Univ. of Michigan East Ann Arbor Health Center** – Ann Arbor  
**Univ. of Michigan Ypsilanti Center** – Ypsilanti

**Wayne**        **Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Child and Family Life** – Detroit  
**Henry Ford Health System, Dept. of Pediatrics** – Detroit  
**HFHS Medical Center Canton** – Canton  
**HFHS Medical Center Detroit East** - Detroit  
**HFHS Medical Center Detroit Northwest** – Detroit  
**HFHS Medical Center E. Jefferson** – St. Clair Shores  
**HFHS Medical Center Fairlane** – Dearborn  
**HFHS Medical Center Livonia** – Livonia  
**HFHS Medical Center New Center One** – Detroit  
**HFHS Medical Center Plymouth** – Plymouth  
**HFHS Medical Center Southfield** – Southfield  
**HFHS Medical Center Taylor** - Taylor  
**HFHS Medical Center Woodhaven** – Woodhaven  
**Oakwood Healthcare Center, Belleville Med Ed** – Belleville  
**Oakwood Pediatrics** – Dearborn  
**Pediatric Associates of Dearborn** – Dearborn  
**Pedi-Care Pediatric Clinic, P.C.** – Westland  
**Providence-Mission Health Medical Center, Immunization Clinic** – Livonia  
**Wayne State University Physicians Group** – Detroit  
**Westland Family Practice** – Westland